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NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE RESOURCES BOARD

Minutes of the Twenty-Second Meeting at 1330, 29 June 1970

Room 3 C 200, The Pentagon

Lt. General Robert E. Cushman, Jr., Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, presiding, and Mr. Ray S. Cline, Director of Intelligence and Research, Department of State, and Mr. Robert F. Froehlke, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Administration and Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, were present. Others attending included Vice Admiral Harold G. Bowen, USN, DASD(I), Mr. John A. Bross, D/DCI/NIPE, Ambassador Wymberley Coerr and Mr. Robert D. Crane from State/INR. [redacted] of the DCI Staff were present for the fourth item, [redacted] of the DCI Staff for the fifth item.

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Item 1 - Approval of Minutes

Purpose: Obtain Board approval of Minutes of the Twenty-First Meeting, 18 May 1970

Action: Minutes were approved as circulated. There was no discussion.

Item 2 - Round-up of NIRB Tasks

Purpose: To discuss with the Board the various tasks which the Board has completed, has in work, or has in prospect.

Action: The Board directed the Staff to update and complete National Intelligence Resources Memoranda on the Chinese Communist Atomic Energy Program and on the Arab-Israeli situation and to begin work on a Memorandum on resources allocated to the Sino-Soviet Confrontation.

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Discussion: The Executive Secretary briefed the Board on a number of items, past, present and prospective, noting that Board actions had covered a broad range of functions and substantive problems. It was noted that further work on several items, such as the [] problem, [] and Resources on Free World problems, might depend heavily on the outcome of the CDIP Review and the cuts in resources likely to result.

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There was some discussion of the National Intelligence Resources Memorandum (NIRM) as a format to describe and analyze resources covering certain areas or critical substantive problems. Mr. Bross described the NIRM as a means for the DCI, acting on the advice of the Board, to state the position and capabilities of the community on a given problem. Mr. Froehlke liked the NIRM as a device for this purpose, and after further discussion the Board directed the Staff to update the two partly finished NIRM's on the Chinese Communist Atomic Energy program and the Arab-Israeli situation and to begin work on the resources position with regard to the Sino-Soviet Confrontation.

Mr. Froehlke noted that cuts in resources were inescapable and that use should be made of the NIRM and Resources Memoranda to ensure that future cuts are taken in the right places. Mr. Cline added that cost figures would need to be strictly examined in relation to the real needs of the community.

Item 3 - Cuban Studies

Purpose: To complete Board action on CCPC and COMIREX studies on the intelligence effort against Cuba.

Action: The Board noted both studies and decided to forward the studies to the Secretary of Defense and the JCS with a request for a JCS reexamination of contingency requirements on Cuba.

Discussion: The Board has received a briefing memorandum setting forth the background of this long-standing item and after a short discussion, noted the two reports. The discussion then turned to the question of other contingency requirements. Mr. Cline, observing that a number of requirements on Cuba dated back to the Missile Crisis and were now anachronistic, wondered if the Board could ask the JCS to determine if other contingency requirements could be relaxed. There was some exchange of ideas as to the appropriate channels for

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such a request, and the Board finally decided that the Chairman would forward the Cuba studies to the Secretary of Defense and the JCS through the Defense member of the Board, along with a suggestion that the Secretary of Defense request the JCS to reexamine Cuban contingency requirements with the object of relaxing them to permit reductions in intelligence efforts against Cuba.

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Item 5 - CIRIS Status Report

Purpose: To report to the Board on the completion of CIRIS-70 CDIP Reports in time for the CDIP Review and on supporting computer matters.

Action: None necessary; for information only.

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Discussion: [] reported that CIRIS CDIP Reports were now complete and had been delivered to Admiral Bowen's staff. He further said that he and his associates on the CIRIS Staff were available to help the DASD(I) Staff use the CIRIS materials if desired. CIRIS-71 (FY-73 data for CY-71 review cycle) planning is proceeding well, with considerable assistance from the []

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[] The use of DoD terminology in structuring CIRIS-71 would facilitate its use in Defense, and this can be accomplished without any significant burden on non-Defense participants. Software problems will be materially helped by some recent acquisitions in the CIA Office of Computer Services that supports the community CIRIS effort. Computer terminals and communications into the Pentagon face some problems in emanations security which are requiring further investigations as to available equipment. It is expected that a useful capability for DASD(I) use of a computer terminal will be available for next year's review. Admiral Bowen reassured Mr. Froehlke that CIRIS would indeed do what it was expected to do and that the current check-out would make this certain. [] closed with a note of appreciation for the help provided by Admiral Gayler and by DIA.

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Item 6 - Other Business

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Action: The Board agreed to review [redacted] telephone concurrences to the Executive Secretary so that the Report could be forwarded to the NSC Staff by the Chairman in early July. The Supplement on evaluation of product will be retained in the intelligence community; it is detailed, complicated and subject to being misunderstood. The Board also agreed to consider the memoranda on Diplomatic Traffic and discuss the pros and cons of making a new study of this problem at the next meeting.

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General Cushman concluded the meeting with a brief report on the [redacted] The meeting adjourned at 1530 hours and General Cushman left the group. The other members went on to JRC where they were joined by Lt. General Donald Bennett, Director, DIA, for a briefing on [redacted] of DIA.

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The next NIRB meeting will be held on Tuesday, 21 July 1970 at 1430 hours in Room 3 C 200, The Pentagon.

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